


# Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs

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Friday, July 1

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.

**10:15am A Mother Hummingbirds Life** – Gather in the Nature Center to view an amazing video of hummingbirds building nests, laying eggs and tending babies. 30 minutes.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*

**5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground** – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

Saturday, July 2


Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT


**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10am U.S. Flag Kites** – Create a beautiful patriotic kite to celebrate the holiday. Nature Center. 30 min.

**10:45am Life In A Rotted Log** – Meet at the nature center to go on a 1-hour moderate discovery hike to see what kinds of critters live in, around, on top, or underneath of rotting logs.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.

 **9:30pm Sounds That Scared The Pioneers** – Gather at the amphitheater (past Olympic pool) to hear strange sounds of the night and discover what makes them. 45 minutes.

Sunday, July 3


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 **10:15am A Look Back In Time** – Hear the epic battle between a timber company & conservationists for the land that is Turkey Run during this 45-minute slideshow of historic photos. Nature Center.

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Monday, July 4

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**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Pioneer Toys & Games** – Experience various toys and games that children played with during the early 1800’s. 45-minute hands-on activity. Nature Center.


**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday, July 5

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**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.


**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Wednesday, July 6

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**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Thursday, July 7

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am Snakes Alive!** – Join us at the nature center to meet and touch some live snakes! Find out how they move with no limbs, why they are always sticking their tongue out, and more! 45 minutes.


**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Friday, July 8

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

 **10:15am Step Back In Time** – Explore the mystery of Turkey Run’s past. We will visit some key features in search of clues. Meet at the nature center for this 1-hour moderate hike.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

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Saturday, July 9

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am Buzzin’ Bee’s** – Gather in the nature center to see video from cameras attached to honeybees, try out beekeeping equipment, and we’ll have a buzzin’ bee craft available for those young at heart. 45-minute program.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.


**3pm-5pm Sungazing** – Look in front of the nature center for members of Wabash Valley Astronomical Society & their large telescopes, & see the sun through powerful but safe lenses.

**8:30pm Test Your Nighttime Senses** – Gather at the nature center to hike into the night with a naturalist to pit your senses against those of wild animals. 1-hour moderate hike.

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**Hoosier Quest Program  
Earn pins & patches!  
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Sunday, July 10

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.

**10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail** – Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour easy walk to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies!

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**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.

Monday, July 11

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:30am-3pm History Mysteries Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Look for and photograph some unique historic sites at Turkey Run using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions and PRIZES!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday, July 12

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Wednesday, July 13

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am Pioneer Toys & Games** – Experience various toys and games that children played with during the early 1800's. 45-minute hands-on activity. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Thursday, July 14

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am Woven Bookmarks** – Create a beautiful woven bookmark at our nature center. 30 minutes.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

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Friday, July 15

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am In Juliet's Words** – Gather in the nature center to hear about our own Juliet Strauss and the role she played in saving Turkey Run. A gifted writer, we will enjoy readings from some of her articles. 45 minutes.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

**5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground** – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend's programs.

## Pioneer Heritage Festival

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Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10am-1pm The Pioneer Life: Make It & Take It** Experience the life and times of folks who lived on the frontier during the early 1800s. Dip candles, use a crosscut saw, make your own ice cream and MORE! **\$1/person.** Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

**7:30pm Lyrics & Meanings: One Songwriter's Approach** – Jack Shannon, published songwriter, will sing his own original music, as well as popular songs by other artists. This will be interspersed with tips about songwriting and how to find musical inspiration in nature. Join us at the Amphitheater.

## Turkey Run's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

Sunday, July 17

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10am Welcome & Story Corps** – Join us at the Nature Center to hear stories of past employees and find out how the park has changed over the years.

**10-10:45am A Step Back In Time** – Explore the mystery of Turkey Run's past. We will visit some key features in search of clues. Meet at the nature center for this 45-minute moderate hike.

**11am Origins by Bob Sander** – "Origins" is a dramatic recounting of the history of the Indiana State Parks and features live storytelling accented with compelling video segments woven into the story as a whole. Join us in the Lusk Room in the Turkey Run INN. 1-hour.


**2pm 100 Years: The Celebration!** – Hear the amazing story of Turkey Run State Park and be a part of this historic moment in time!

**2:40pm Cake, Punch, and Ice Cream!** – Celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on the front lawn of the Turkey Run Inn by enjoying this delicious treat with us.

**3pm The Hoosier Songbook** – Hear original lyrically rich music as Tom Rosnowski shares songs and stories about Indiana's rich heritage. Front lawn at the Turkey Run INN. Bring blankets and lawn chairs.




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 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.


**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday, July 19

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**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.


**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.

Wednesday, July 20

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

 **10:30am-3pm History Mysteries Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Look for and photograph some unique historic sites at Turkey Run using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions and PRIZES!


**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Thursday, July 21

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

**7pm Volunteer Meeting** – Meet members of the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades in our monthly planning meeting and see how you can get involved here at the park. INN basement.

Friday, July 22

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**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

 **10:15am A Look Back In Time** – Hear the epic battle between a timber company & conservationists for the land that is Turkey Run during this 45-minute slideshow of historic photos. Nature Center.


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Saturday, July 23

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 **10:15am – A Step Back In Time** – Explore the mystery of Turkey Run’s past. We will visit some key features in search of clues. Meet at the nature center for this 1-hour moderate hike.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

**9pm What Does The Fox Say?** – Come learn about all of Indiana’s native wild dogs during this fun 45-minute program, that includes an easy 15-minute hike. Nature Center.


Sunday, July 24

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail** – Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour easy walk to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies!


**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

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Monday, July 25

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**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Pioneer Toys & Games** – Experience various toys and games that children played with during the early 1800’s. 45-minute hands-on activity. Nature Center.


**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday, July 26

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**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.


**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Wednesday, July 27

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 **10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin** – Try your hand at building an early 1800’s log cabin during this 45-minute program at the nature center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*


Thursday, July 28

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am Turkey Run ROCKS!** – Join the naturalist for a 1-hour moderately rugged hike to explore the stream beds, cliffs, and canyons of Turkey Run State Park. Meet at the Nature Center.

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 **10:15am Extirpated Animals** – Discover the missing wildlife from Indiana’s landscape and discover why they’re gone. 45 minutes. Nature Center.


**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*

**5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground** – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

Saturday, July 30


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**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

 **10:15am Trees That Survived The Ax** - Gather on the nature center porch for this 1.5-hour moderately rugged hike to see some of the oldest trees in the park and hear how they survived being bought by a timber company.

**10:45am Blown Away!** – Gather at the nature center for a whirlwind experience! Discover how tornadoes form, what to look for, and what safety precautions to take. What is a Fujita scale and how is it used? Come and find out during this interactive 45-minute program with short easy hike & fun craft!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

 **3pm Lusk Home Tour** – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

**9:30pm Stars In Your Eyes** – Join us in front of the nature center to stargaze with a naturalist. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star legends, and gaze at beautiful planets. Bring a blanket to lay on for this 1 hour program.


Sunday, July 31

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**9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail** – Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour easy walk to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies!


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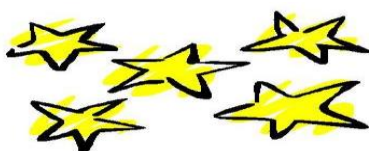
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Wednesday, August 3

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